

Mr. Kell delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for opening and extending Paul's-street in the city and precincts of Baltimore ; which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act appointing Robert J. H. Handy trustee to convey to Isaac Harris, Josiah W. Heath, and William Coston, certain lands therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. R. K. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the practice of sheriffs in making their collections and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. R. K. Watts, Dennis and Kell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duvall delivers a petition from Moses Orme and Benjamin Elliott, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that a law passed in the year 1812 for laying out a road through their lands may be revived ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Duvall, R. Dorsey and Sellman

On motion by Mr. Bowles, the following order was read and adopted :

Ordered, That the executive be requested to transmit to this house the number of copies of Kilty's reports of British statutes that are in the council chamber belonging to the state.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower Henry Howard, of John, of Montgomery county, to bring into this state certain negro slaves therein mentioned from the state of Virginia, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Gooding's two children Sarah Gooding and James Gooding, of St. Mary's county ; which was read.

Mr. Frey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from a gate on the side of the road leading from the Rising Sun towards Charles-town on the lands of the late Joseph Reynolds, in Cecil county ; which was read.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from John Connelly, of Harford county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support ; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, Sewell and H. Hall.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from George Grundy, and sons, counter to the petition of John Pierpoint, Joseph L. Lord, and John Neale, for special acts of insolvency ; which was read and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 3, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act appointing Robert J. H. Handy trustee to convey to Isaac Harris, Josiah W. Heath and William Coston, certain lands therein mentioned ; the bill, entitled, An act to empower Henry Howard, of John, of Montgomery county, to bring into this state certain negro slaves therein mentioned from the state of Virginia ; the bill, entitled, An act appointing Elizabeth Casey, of the city of Baltimore, trustee for the purpose therein mentioned ; the bill, entitled, An act to appoint Isaac Mayo, of the city of Annapolis, trustee for the sale of certain real property therein mentioned ; the resolutions in favour of William Law and Abraham Hooper, revolutionary soldiers, and the resolution in favour of Michael Boyer, a revolutionary officer, were sent to the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising John D. Henly to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland, and the bill, entitled, An act for the support of James Ridgaway, of Caroline county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Kell, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons. Ordered, That Messrs. Kell, Bowles and Causin, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the order submitted by him requesting the governor to lay before this house any information which he may possess relative to any provision that has been made by the government of the United States to pay the military expenses incurred by this state during the war, was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Harrison, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, to lay before this house the amount already ascertained of the military expenses incurred and paid by this state, during the late war, and also any information which they may possess relative to any provision that has been made by the government of the United States to pay the same.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the western shore in pursuance of an order of the house covering a statement of the amount of receipts during the last year for fines, forfeitures, marriage, ordinary and retailers licences, from each of the several counties on the western shore ; also an account of the whole amount of the money heretofore appropriated for the use of the penitentiary.

Which with the accompanying documents, were read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. M. Hall delivers a petition from Uriah Mitchell, of Prince-George's county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support ; which was read and referred to Messrs. F. M. Hall, Semmes and Chew.

On motion by Mr. H. Hall, the following preamble and resolutions were read.

Whereas the encouragement given to negroes running away from their owners in this state, and the harbouring the same by sundry citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has become a serious inconvenience to the owners of slaves ; Therefore, Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the encouragement given to, and the harbouring and employing of, runaway negroes from this state, by sundry citizens of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has increased to such a degree, and the inconvenience arising therefrom to the good people of this state has become so great, as to make longer silence on this subject on the part of the general assembly of Maryland improper.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to the executive of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a request that he will lay the same before the legislature thereof, so that they may interpose their authority to prevent the evil thus complained of, in such manner as their wisdom and justice shall dictate.

On motion by Mr. Taney, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the jurors in Frederick county. On motion by Mr. Dennis, the question was put, That